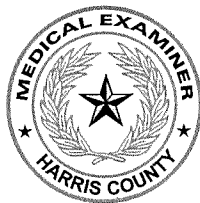


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AUTOPSY REPORT

(see attached Report of Anthropology Consultation)

Case No. ML83-6849

November 17, 2008

ON THE BODY OF

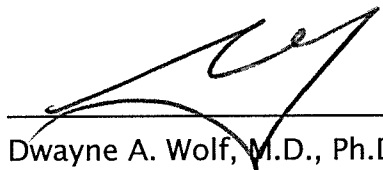
Unidentified Skeletal Remains

CAUSE OF DEATH: Undetermined (skeletal remains)

MANNER OF DEATH: Undetermined

DATE OF DEATH: Found August 4, 1983

Reviewed by:

 08/27/09
Dwayne A. Wolf, M.D., Ph.D. MMDDYY
Deputy Chief Medical Examiner

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Director, Anthropology Department

ML83-6849

REPORT OF ANTHROPOLOGY CONSULTATION

CASE NUMBER: ML83-6849
NAME: Unknown
PATHOLOGIST: Unknown
DATE (analyzed): November 17, 2008

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- Left lunate
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- Right rib fragments (7)
- Left rib fragments (1)

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Un-sided rib fragments (10)
Lumbar vertebrae (5)
Sacrum
Right and left innominates
Right and left femurs
Right and left tibiae
Right and left fibulae
Right and left calcanei
Right and left tali
Right 3rd cuneiform
Right metatarsals I, III, IV
Left metatarsals IV, V

Skeletal Profile

Summary:

Ancestry: Undetermined

Sex: Male

Age: 17-22 years

Stature: 65-71 inches (5'5" - 5'11")

Ancestry

Insufficient skeletal remains were recovered for accurate ancestry estimation.

Sex

The estimated sex of the decedent is male. The estimate is based on the metric analysis of the postcranium and the morphology of the innominates. Features observed in the innominates consistent with males include subpubic convexity, narrow sciatic notch, and flat sacral attachment. The maximum diameter of femoral head is within the male range.

Unknown

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Age:

The age-at-death of the decedent is estimated to be 17-22 years. The age estimate is based on the pattern of epiphyseal fusion. The iliac crest, distal radial, distal ulnar, and distal femoral epiphyses are completely open. These sites typically begin to fuse around the age of 18 years. The lumbar vertebral rim, ischial tuberosity and sacral segments have begun to fuse. Fusion is typically completed by the mid twenties. The epiphyses of the remaining bones are fully fused.

Stature:

The stature estimate is 65-71 inches (5'5"- 5'11"). The estimate is based on the combined comparison of the maximum length of the tibia and sacrum to the Forensic Database using the 20th century White and Black male algorithms.

Trauma

Antemortem:

The remains are unremarkable in terms of antemortem trauma.

Perimortem:

The remains are unremarkable in terms of perimortem trauma.

Postmortem:

The ends of the long bones are eroded, exposing the trabecular bone. The ribs are highly fragmented. The remains are recovered from a shoreline. The pattern of postmortem trauma is consistent with a surface disposition.

The pubic symphyses have been cut from the innominates. The cut mark is consistent with an autopsy saw. The morphology of the pubic symphysis is a good age indicator and the pubes were most likely removed for age assessment.

Pathologies and Individualizing Characteristics

The remains are unremarkable for pathologies or individualizing characteristics.

Postmortem Interval:

The remains are completely void of tissue and are odorless. They are uniformly stained and well-weathered. The remains are found along a shoreline. Based on the

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conditions of the elements and the depositional environment, an accurate interval between death and discovery cannot be estimated.

Identification:

The remains are unidentified. The decedent description is disseminated through the NCIC (NIC #U220022155) and NamUs and is posted on the HCME website. A DNA sample is submitted to the University of North Texas Health Sciences Center for STR and mtDNA analysis. Radiographs of the skeletal remains are taken and archived.

Summary:

The biological profile of the decedent is a 17-22 year old, male with a stature of 65-71 inches. No perimortem trauma is observed on the remains. The unidentified decedent description is disseminated.



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Director, Anthropology Department

4/13/2009
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JOSEPH A. JACHIMCZYK FORENSIC CENTER

Judge Ray Chesson
19217 FM 365
Beaumont, TX 77705

August 27, 2009

Dear Judge Chesson,

Please find enclosed the autopsy report for case ML83-6849. According to original paperwork, these remains were recovered in Jefferson County approximately ½ mile from the Chambers County border on August 4, 1983, and were forwarded to the Harris County Medical Examiner's Office by Justice of the Peace A. E. Halter, Precinct Three of Jefferson County.

The documentation we currently have regarding the case is sparse, but suggests the remains were initially regarded as not being of forensic importance. The remains were subsequently archived at the HCMEO. During an inventory of the archived remains by forensic anthropologists, it was decided that the remains lack typical markers associated with historic remains and that they were potentially of forensic importance. As a result, a complete skeletal analysis was done. The decedent's description was entered into the National Criminal Information System and a bone sample was submitted to the University of North Texas Health Sciences Center to obtain a DNA profile. On December 18, 2008, the remains were released to Harris County Bereavement Services for burial.

In light of the fact that the case originated in Jefferson County, the Harris County Medical Examiner is unable to certify the death. Carnes Funeral Home (713.943.2500), the funeral responsible for burial of the remains, will forward a death certificate to you for you to certify the death.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have further questions.

Sincerely,

Jennifer C. Love, Ph.D., D-ABFA
Forensic Anthropology Director

UNIDENTIFIED

EYE COLOR: _____

✓ ML#: 83-6849

HAIR COLOR: _____

DATE OF DEATH: 11-17-83

LENGTH: _____

FACIAL HAIR: _____

RACE: _____

COLOR: _____

SEX: _____

AGE: _____

HEIGHT: _____

WEIGHT: _____

*Bones - Do not be
concerned - ID -
SCARS: It's impossible*

MARKS: _____

TATTOOS: _____

CLOTHING: _____

PERSONAL EFFECTS: _____

OTHER: _____

DENTAL: _____

PLACE OF DEATH: Jefferson Co.

TIME OF DEATH: _____

POLICE AGENCY: _____ CASE #: _____

(High Island - Chambers co.)

83-6849 Unknown Skeletal Remains

83-6850 Mary Irving Chappell NF 30
 Oliver
 w/ w/ Asphyxia due to manual
strangulation and stab wound
of the abdomen - OK/EB

(A)

Homicide

83-6851 Dorothy C. Pohl w/ 12 81
 Carthman
 Baytown

(A)

chronic obstructive pulmonary disease & bronchiectasis

~~Heart in testis~~

83-6852 Rose Currey WF 77
 H. Glenside
 a RD Multiple gsws of the chest, abdomen,
back and extremities - OK/EB
Homicide.

(A)

Four (4) .22 cal bullets recovered - autopsy
 Two (2) .22 " bullet submitted in a box

83-6849

Unknown Person

8-4-83

found 1:45 PM

1/2 mile from Chambers Co.

83-6850A EB Chappell, Mary Alice Irving B.F 30 7450 Bellport #39
 Oliver MCK Asphyxia due to manual strangulation & stab wound of the abdomen P. Oline
 Oliver 11-17-83 Homicide found 4:28 PM 13,400 Aguedust 12-21
 Strangled & stabbed. Ret 3 12-22

83-6851A PK Pahl, Dorothy E. Brown WF 81 102 Cabanas Euthman
 Euthman BT COPD & bronchiectasis. found 3:40 PM Same 12-1-8
 Euthman BT 11-17-83 Baytown 12-2-8

83-6852A KB Cunn, Rose WF 77 830 Franka H. Allen
 Garza HH Multiple GSW's of chest, abdomen, back, & extremities. 12-8-8
 H. Glendale 11-17-83 Homicide found 8:00 PM Shot. Same P. 12-8-

83-6853V VP Raymond, Martha Bernice WF 67 1901 Silber Rd. Euthman
 Euthman MCK A 5 CVH, Highway 17 North 12-1-8
 Euthman 11-17-83 6:00 PM Sam Houston P. 12-2-8

83-6854A VP Gregorich, Dale Robert WM 25 3401 Blaylock #2329 H. Park
 H. Park HH Crushed chest. Acc MVD driver 2 veh. 11-30-8
 H. Park 11-17-83 9:44 PM 4500 Memorial 12-1-8

83-6855A VP Zimmerman, Mark S. WM 25 5500 De Soto #3709 H. Hight
 H. Park HH Skull fracture & crushed chest & abdomen. Acc MVD driver 12-22-8
 Hight 11-17-83 2 veh. 9:44 PM 4500 Memorial 12-2-8

INVESTIGATOR'S REPORT

() AUTOPSY
() VIEW
() INQUEST ONLY

Investigator Evans/Wingo

Case No. 83-6889

UNKNOWN BONES

Decedent	Race	Sex	Age	D.O.B.
Home Address				
Telephone				
Date of Death <u>XXXXXX 8-4-83</u> <u>1:45</u> () A.M. — (x) P.M. — FOUND (x) YES () NO ()				
Place of Death <u>Approx. 1/2 mile from Chambers Co line in Jeff. Co. line</u> () () <u>out of County</u>				
City/County		Precinct		Telephone
HOSPITAL CHART NO.				

M.E. Notified: Wingo DATE: 10-4-83 TIME: 9:00 (x) A.M. — () P.M.

Place of Inquest: Morgue DATE: 11-17-83 TIME: 2:30 () A.M. — (x) P.M.

Informant: Justice of Peace A.E. Halter/Chamber Co. S.O./ Jefferson Co. S.O.

Next of Kin	Address	A.M.	P.M.	Relationship
Next of Kin Notified by	Date	Time		Telephone
Personal Physician	Address	Telephone		

Location, Position, and Surroundings of Body: SEE ATTACHED REPORT.

Clothing: _____

INFORMATION This case came to cause by an order from JUSTICE OF THE PEACE A.E. HALTER, PRCT.
THREE, JEFFERSON COUNTY.

THE FOLLOWING LIST OF BONES WAS DETERMINED ON 11-17-83:

(2) ilium crest (pelvic)	(1) elbow joint (arm)	(12) rib
(2) femur (leg)	(1) coccygeal vertebra (back)	(4) meta carpal bone (hand)
(2) fibula (leg)	(2) rochis (arm)	(3) phalanges (hand)
(2) tibia (leg)	(2) ulva (arm)	(2) 1st metatarsal bone (hand)
(5) verbea (back)	(1) long arm bone (arm)	(3) phalanges (hand)
		(2) 1st metatarsal bone (hand)

M.E. Photos () Yes (x) No Police Agency JEFFERSON COUNTY S.O. Case No. 83 44231

Property none

Funeral Home Transporting Decedent none () Requested
() Dispatched

Funeral Home Receiving Decedent ?/ Jefferson Co. S.O.

INVESTIGATOR'S REPORT

Date: 11-18-83

Continuation/Supplement

Investigator Evans

Time: 6:00 AM

Case No. 83-6849

BONE DESCRIPTION CONTINUED:

(5) phalanges (foot)

(2) talus (foot)

(2) calcaneus (foot)

(50) bones total

Humerus 11 $\frac{1}{16}$

(RIGHT)

Rochis

10 $\frac{3}{4}$

(LEFT)

Rochis 10 $\frac{1}{2}$

"

Ulna

9 $\frac{3}{4}$

"

Ulna 9 $\frac{1}{16}$

"

Femur

16

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Femur 16

"

Fibula

13 $\frac{1}{2}$

"

Fibula 13 $\frac{3}{8}$

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Tibia

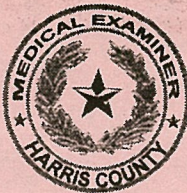
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Tibia 14

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☐ RELEASE FROM PENDING

CASE NUMBER:

1M83-6849

☐ AMENDMENT(S)

DECEDENT:

Unknown male

☐ INQUEST ONLY

DOD:

EDR #:

Part 1 Cause of Death:

Undetermined (skeletal remains)

Part 2 Other Conditions:

Please Circle your Selection

Autopsy or Inquest

Autopsy Findings Available Prior to Completion of Cause of Death

Yes or No

Did Tobacco Use Contribute to Death

Yes No Probably Unknown

Certified in TER

initials

date

IF FEMALE:

☐

Not pregnant within past year

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Pregnant at time of death

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Not pregnant, but pregnant within 42 days of death

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Not pregnant, but pregnant 43 days to 1 year before death

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Unknown if pregnant within the past year

Manner of Death:

Undetermined

Describe How Injury Occurred:

Medical Examiner

Date

ML# 0-2-2081

HCME INVESTIGATOR James J. [Signature]

PRINTS TO HPD _____

POLICE AGENCY _____

PRINTS TO HCSO _____

CASE NUMBER _____

PRINTS TO DPS _____

PRINTS TO FBI _____

TATTOOS: No marks to ~~be~~ concerned

DENTAL: _____

X-RAYS: _____

PERSONAL EFFECTS: _____

CLOTHING: _____

DENTAL RECORD BY: _____ DATE: _____

☐ DENTAL CHARTING BY DR. DELATTRE
☐ POLICE REPORT
☒ INVESTIGATOR REPORT
☐ AUTOPSY REPORT
☐ TOXICOLOGY REPORT
☐ DNA OR RIB SUBMISSION (IF REQUIRED)
☐ ANTHROPOLOGY REPORT (IF REQUIRED)

ENTERED INTO NCIC BY: _____
DATE: _____ TIME: _____
NIC # _____

ONE

PHON

TIME:

ICSO)
PS ID)

RELEASED FOR BURIAL: _____
DATE: _____ TIME: _____

ZONE #.

PB

☐ PENDING IDM.E. # 83-6849DORSET
SP
HCME STAFFNAME OF DECEASED
UnknownFUNERAL HOME RECEIVING BODY
Carver FH

SIGNED OUT BY

LICENSE #

DATE

TIME

WAS CLOTHING TAKEN WITH BODY

YES

NO

HCME STAFF

TRACKING SHEET

☐ YES☐ NO

NAME OF DECEASED

BROUGHT TO H.C.M.E. BY:

NAME OF SERVICE

SIGNED IN BY:

DRIVER

DATE

TIME

6 / 4 / 03

AM PM

CLOTHING YES NO

PERSONAL EFFECTS: YES NO

HOSPITAL CHART: YES NO

Checked by Harris County Medical Examiner Representative

Duplicate Copy

REV. (03/99)

M.E. CASE #:

83-6849



Bereavement Services of Harris County Community & Economic Development
Department Social Services Division- Bereavement hereby authorizes the removal
of the decedent's remains as follows:

Funeral Home Carnes Funeral Home

Decedent: Unknown, Male

Mother's name (*babies only*):

AGE: 17-23 age

Date of death: 11/17/1983

ME Case # 83-6849

Decedent is VIEWABLE or ☒ NONVIEWABLE or Unknown
(check one)

Body Location: Medical Examiner, 1885 Old Spanish Trail, Houston Texas 77054
(Please verify location of decedent up before dispatching for a pick up)

Virginia Stettin
Agent for HCSS

12/15/08
Date

HCSS contacted the following next of kin for the release of this decedent:

1. No next of kin found
2. Full skeletal
3. Full casket
4. HC burial set for 12/19/2008

DEC 1 2008 RCVD

Harris County Bereavement Services Referral Form -- HCME Cases

HCME Case Number: <u>ML83-6849</u>		Referral Date: <u>November 26, 2008</u>		
Last Name:	First Name:	Middle Name:	Date and Time of Death:	
<u>UNKNOWN</u>	<u>UNKNOWN</u>	<u>M/17-23</u>	<u>11/17/1983 5:30:00 PM</u>	
Place of Death <u>SHORELINE</u>				
Street:	City of Death:	County of Death:	Death Zip Code:	
	<u>HOUSTON</u>	<u>JEFFERSON</u>		
Cause of Death:		Reporting Agency:		
<u>Undetermined</u>		<u>JEFFERSON COUNTY PRECINCT 3</u>		
Manner of Death: <u>Undetermined</u>		Incident Number:		
		<u>NO CASE NUMBER</u>		
Agency Contact:				
Signing Physician: <u>ANTHROPOLOGIST</u>		Physician Contact Phone: <u>713-796-9292</u>		
Age:	Date of Birth:	Race:	Weight in Pounds:	Height in Inches:
<u>0 YEARS</u>				<u>0</u>
SSN:	Sex:	Foreign Origin:	Veteran:	
	<u>MALE</u>			
Residence Address:	City:	State:	Zip Code:	
	<u>HOUSTON</u>	<u>TX</u>		
Next of Kin First Name:	Next of Kin Middle Name:	Next of Kin Last Name:		
<u>COUNTY BURIAL</u>				
Next of Kin Relationship:	Next of Kin Phone:	Date Next of Kin Located:		
<u>OTHER</u>				
Next of Kin Address:	Next of Kin City:	Next of Kin State NOK Zip:		
	<u>HOUSTON</u>	<u>TX</u>		
Date Next of Kin Notified:	Date of 15 Day Letter:	Type of Referral:		
		HC Guardianship Family Indigent No NOK/Unknown <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

Referred by: Ruth Mathis, D-ABMDI
Identification Specialist
Phone: 713-796-6774

825th
HC Cemetery
12/19/08
V.S.

Sharon M. Derrick

HCME Supervisor Approval:
Sharon M. Derrick, PhD
County Burial Supervisor

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**Funeral Director's
Authorization to Claim Form**

Date: 12-18-08

Medical Legal #: 83-6849

Name of Decedent: Unknown

I, Thomas Biehl, representing Carus FH,
visually inspected the body of the above named decedent, and have compared the name
and medical/legal number of the decedent to 1) the Identification Tag, 2) the Autopsy
Information and Release Form and, 3) the Transit Envelope, and have found all three
documents to correspond to the body I am authorized to claim from the Harris County
Medical Examiner.

Th Biehl Carus FH
Signature Name of Firm

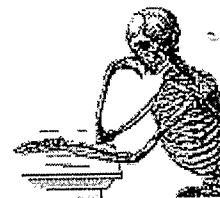
887
Texas Funeral Commission
License Number

Reviewed and Signed by: Shane Jack
(HCME Representative)

12/18/08
Date



Harris County Medical Examiner's Office
Forensic Anthropology Division
Case Chain-of-Custody



Case Number ML 83 - 6849

Anthropologist Receiving

J. Love

Autopsy Assistant Transferring

J. White

Date of Transfer

11/17/08 2:04pm

Date of Return

11/20/08

Anthropologist Transferring

J. C. 2nd

Autopsy Assistant Receiving

V. 11/20/08 3:56p

Anthropologist Receiving

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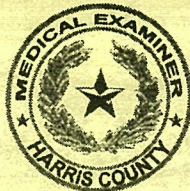
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ML83-6849

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☐ INQUEST ONLY

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Describe How Injury Occurred: _____

[Signature]
Medical Examiner

12/05/08
Date

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AMENDED
AUTOPSY REPORT

(see attached Report of Anthropology Consultation)

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November 17, 2008

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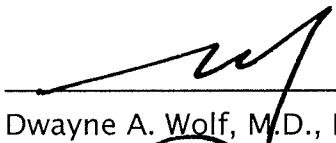
Joseph Allen Lyles
8650 Pitner
Houston, Texas

CAUSE OF DEATH: Homicidal violence

MANNER OF DEATH: Homicide

DATE OF DEATH: Found August 4, 1983

Reviewed by:


Dwayne A. Wolf, M.D., Ph.D.
Deputy Chief Medical Examiner

11/18/11
MMDDYY

COMMENT: The report represents a re-signed copy of the original amendment, which cannot be currently located.

Joseph Allen Lyles

ML83-6849

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COMMENT: These skeletal remains were initially unidentified. The body has now been identified by DNA comparison as a 17 year old white male, Joseph Allen Lyles. After obtaining this identification, the investigative aspects of the case were revisited. The remains were recovered from a shallow burial site on a beach within Jefferson County. The remains of five other decedents were west of this decedent, and the remains of a sixth were less than 2.9 miles east of this decedent. All were within a 4.16 mile stretch of beach.

This decedent shares many circumstantial and demographic elements with the other decedents buried within this stretch of beach. All are teenage boys. The other six decedents were all buried between 1970 and 1973. Although Mr. Lyles' body was recovered in 1983, he was actually reported missing by his family in 1973. All of the other six decedents were linked to the serial killings perpetrated by Dean Corll, Elmer Wayne Henley and David Brooks. All of the other decedents were classified as homicides. Many of the bodies disposed by this group were associated with plastic sheeting and two different types of rope or cords (including decedents buried at this location and in other locations). This decedent was also associated with similar plastic sheeting and similar different types of rope. Finally, this decedent lived in the vicinity of both David Brooks and Dean Corll at the time of his disappearance, and according to Mr. Lyles' relatives, he did have some interaction with Corll and Brooks.

No perimortem injuries were discovered at the time of examination of these skeletal remains. However, investigative and circumstantial information is indicative of a link to the Corll/Henley/Brooks victims as noted above. The cause of death in all of the other decedents was either strangulation/asphyxia or gunshot wound. These remains were skeletal and incomplete (for example, the hyoid bone was not recovered), therefore either of these possibilities is plausible. Based on the totality of the investigative information, a reclassification of the manner of death as homicide is warranted. The best classification for cause of death is homicidal violence. The autopsy report is amended and the Justice of the Peace with jurisdiction, as well as the local law enforcement agency will be notified.

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ML83-6849

**AMENDED
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Joseph Allen Lyles

Report of Anthropology Consultation

ML83-6849

-2 Amended-

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Sacrum
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The estimated sex of the decedent is male. The estimate is based on the metric analysis of the postcranium and the morphology of the innominates. Features observed in the innominates consistent with males include subpubic convexity, narrow sciatic notch, and flat sacral attachment. The maximum diameter of femoral head is within the male range.

Joseph Allen Lyles

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Age:

The age-at-death of the decedent is estimated to be 17-22 years. The age estimate is based on the pattern of epiphyseal fusion. The iliac crest, distal radial, distal ulnar, and distal femoral epiphyses are completely open. These sites typically begin to fuse around the age of 18 years. The lumbar vertebral rim, ischial tuberosity and sacral segments have begun to fuse. Fusion is typically completed by the mid twenties. The epiphyses of the remaining bones are fully fused.

Stature:

The stature estimate is 65-71 inches (5'5"- 5'11"). The estimate is based on the combined comparison of the maximum length of the tibia and sacrum to the Forensic Database using the 20th century White and Black male algorithms.

Trauma

Antemortem:

The remains are unremarkable in terms of antemortem trauma.

Perimortem:

The remains are unremarkable in terms of perimortem trauma.

Postmortem:

The ends of the long bones are eroded, exposing the trabecular bone. The ribs are highly fragmented. The remains are recovered from a shoreline. The pattern of postmortem trauma is consistent with a surface disposition.

The pubic symphyses have been cut from the innominates. The cut mark is consistent with an autopsy saw. The morphology of the pubic symphysis is a good age indicator and the pubes were most likely removed for age assessment.

Pathologies and Individualizing Characteristics

The remains are unremarkable for pathologies or individualizing characteristics.

Postmortem Interval:

The remains are completely void of tissue and are odorless. They are uniformly stained and well-weathered. The remains are found along a shoreline. Based on the

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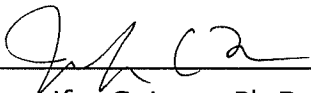
conditions of the elements and the depositional environment, an accurate interval between death and discovery cannot be estimated.

Identification:

The remains are unidentified. The decedent description is disseminated through the NCIC (NIC #U220022155) and NamUs and is posted on the HCME website. A DNA sample is submitted to the University of North Texas Health Sciences Center for STR and mtDNA analysis. Radiographs of the skeletal remains are taken and archived.

Summary:

The biological profile of the decedent is a 17-22 year old, male with a stature of 65-71 inches. No perimortem trauma is observed on the remains. The unidentified decedent description is disseminated.



Jennifer C. Love, Ph.D. 11/17/2011
Director, Anthropology Department MMDDYY

COMMENT: This report is amended to reflect the positive identification of the decedent by DNA comparison on November 2, 2009.

COMMENT: This report represents a re-signed copy of the original Amended Report of Anthropology Consultation, which cannot be currently located.



Harris County Medical Examiner's Office
Forensic Anthropology Division
Data Sheets



Case # OC ME 83-6849 Anthropologist J. Low
Date/Hour of Examination 11/17/2008 14:10
Pathologist Unknown (now) County Jefferson County

Scene Description

Beach

Condition of Remains

Soil Stained Found along Shoreline in Jefferson County, TX

Processing Procedure

None

Personal Property

None

Positively Identified by _____

Unidentified Checklist

NCIC # 4220022155

Dental Chart NA

- ☐ Anthropologist
- ☐ Odontologist
- ☐ Edentulous

Radiographs

- ☐ Articulated
- ☒ Disarticulate
- ☐ Dental

Photographs

- ☒ Skeletal
- ☐ Reconstruction
- ☐ Trauma

DNA

☐ UNT

Dissemination

- ☐ Law Enforcement
- ☐ Media
- ☐ NCMEC
- ☒ HCME Website
- ☒ NAME UDRS

Skeletal Inventory (Adapted from Moore-Jansen et al 1994)

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Inventory Code:

1- Present Complete

2- Present Fragmentary

3- Absent (postmortem)

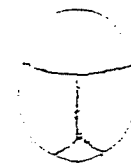
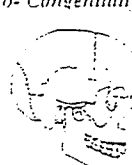
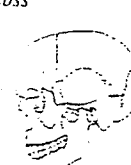
4- Postmortem Loss

5- Unrupted (dentition)

6- Congenitally Missing

See
sketch
diagram

Cranium _____



Left

Right

Left

Right

Frontal

Parietal

Occipital

Temporal

Zygomatic

Palate

Maxilla

Nasal

Ethmoid

Lacrimal

Vomer

Sphenoid

Mandible _____

Left

Right

Left

Right

Body

Ramus

Dentition _____

Left

Right

Left

Right

Max I1

Max I2

Max C

Max PM1

Max PM2

Max M1

Max M2

Max M3

Mand I1

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Mand C

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Mand M1

Mand M2

Mand M3

Postcranium _____

Left

Right

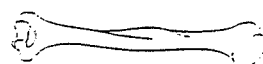
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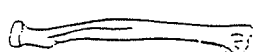
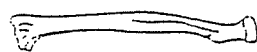
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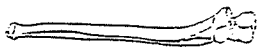
Humerus



Radius



Ulna



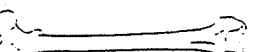
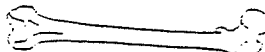
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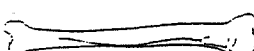
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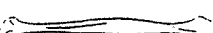
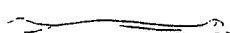
Femur



Tibia



Fibula



Hyoid

Manubrium

Sternum

Scapula

Ribs

Atlas

Axis

Cervical 3-7

Thoracic 1-12

Lumbar 1-5

Sacrum

Patella

Carpals 1-8

Metacarpals 1-5

Prox Phalanx

Medial Phalanx

Distal Phalanx

Tarsals 1-7

Metatarsals 1-5

Prox Phalanx

Medial Phalanx

Distal Phalanx

Age Assessment of Skeletal Remains
(Buikstra and Ubelaker 1994, Bass 1987, Moore-Jansen et al 1994)

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ESTIMATION OF AGE: 17-22

POSTCRANIAL:

Pubic Symphysis:

FEMALE (Suchey-Brooks 1990, Suchey and Katz 1986)

LEFT

RIGHT

MALE (Suchey-Brooks 1990, Suchey and Katz 1986)

MALE (Todd 1920, 1921)

MALE (McKern and Stewart 1957)

I: ___ II: ___ III: ___

I: ___ II: ___ III: ___

FEMALE (Gilbert and McKern 1973)

I: ___ II: ___ III: ___

I: ___ II: ___ III: ___

Auricular Surface

(Lovejoy et al 1985; Meindl and Lovejoy 1989)

Sternal Rib End Changes

(Ischan et al 1984, 1985, 1986)

RIB # _____

Phase: _____

Phase: _____

Epiphyseal Closure (1=No Union, 2=Partial Union, 3=Complete Union)

(Moore-Jansen et al 1994 page 8-9, Webb and Suchey 1985)

38) Basilar Suture _____

47) Lumbar Vert Rim 2 216

56) Proximal Radius 3 - 19 complete

39) Medial Clavicle _____

48) Sacrum (S1/2) 2 216

57) Distal Radius 0 <18 complete by 22

40) Atlas-Anterior _____

49) Sacrum (S2/3) 2 216

58) Proximal Ulna 3 - 19 complete

41) Atlas-Posterior _____

50) Sacrum (S3/4) 2 216

59) Distal Ulna 2 <18 - complete by 22

42) Axis-Anterior _____

51) Innom. Prim. Elem. 3

60) Femur Head 3 19 complete by 22

43) Axis-Posterior _____

52) Ischial Tuberosity 2 22

61) G. Trochanter 3 18 complete by 21-22

44) Cervical Vert Rim _____

53) Anterior Iliac Crest 0 18 begin

62) Distal Femur 0 18 complete by 21-22

45) Thoracic Vert Rim _____

54) Proximal Humerus 1

63) Proximal Tibia 3 22

46) L5 Body-Arch 3 22

55) Medial Epic. Hum 3 20

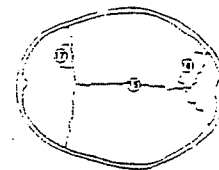
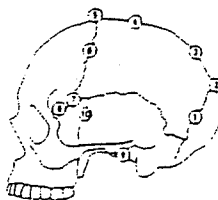
64) Distal Tibia 3 20

CRANIAL:

Cranial Suture Closure (Baker 1984, Mann et al 1987, Meindl and Lovejoy 1985, Todd and Lyon 1924, 1925)

(0=Open, 1=Minimal Closure, 2=Significant Closure, 3=Complete Obliteration/Buikstra and Ubelaker 1994 page 32-34)

- | | | |
|----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1) _____ | 7) _____ | 13) _____ |
| 2) _____ | 8) _____ | 14) _____ |
| 3) _____ | 9) _____ | 15) _____ |
| 4) _____ | 10) _____ | 16) _____ |
| 5) _____ | 11) _____ | 17) _____ |
| 6) _____ | 12) _____ | |



VAULT SCORE: _____ LATERAL-ANTERIOR SCORE: _____

OTHER INDICATORS OF AGE: Pubic symphysis have been removed.

Ancestry Assessment of Skeletal Remains
(Gill and Rhine 1996, Bass 1987, Burns 1999)

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unable to estimate
needing to complete
- missing information*

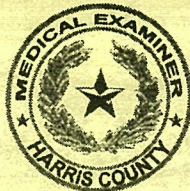
ESTIMATION OF RACE _____

+ = NOTICEABLE. ++ = PROMINENT

	CAUCASIAN	AFRICAN-AMERICAN	ASIAN/NATIVE AM.
Skull Shape:	_____ High, Narrow	_____ Low w/Postbregmatic Depression	_____ Low, Sloping
Skull Height:	_____ Rounded, Narrow	_____ Low and Flat	_____ Rounded, High
Face Shape:	_____ Narrow, Long	_____ Prognathic	_____ Broad, Flat
Eye Orbits:	_____ Slanting Square, Large	_____ Laterally Low and Small	_____ Square
Zygomastics:	_____ Small, Retreating Malars	_____ Small, Retreating Malars	_____ Robust and Flaring
Zygomaxillary Suture:	_____ Jagged, S-Shaped	_____ Curved or S-Shaped	_____ Angled
Nasal Sill:	_____ Sharp, Protruding	_____ Guttered	_____ Sharp
Nasal Aperture:	_____ Narrow	_____ Wide	_____ Medium
Nasal Spine:	_____ Large, Long	_____ Little or None	_____ Medium, Tilted
Nasal Bones:	_____ High, Arched	_____ Low, Flat Wide Arch	_____ Low "Tented" Arch
Alveolar Prognathism:	_____ Narrow, Little	_____ Pronounced	_____ Reduced
Palatal Shape:	_____ Parabolic, Narrow	_____ Hyperbolic	_____ Elliptic
Palatal Suture:	_____ Z-Shaped	_____ Arched	_____ Straight
Chin:	_____ Square, Projecting	_____ Retreating	_____ Blunt
Incisors:	_____ Blade	_____ Wide Blade	_____ Shovel-Shaped
Dentition:	_____ Crowded, Impacted M3	_____ Crenulated Molars	_____ Not Crowded
Bite:	_____ Overbite	_____ Overbite, Prognathic	_____ Edge-to-Edge
Femur Curvature:	_____ Arched	_____ Flat	_____ Little

Initials QC
Date 11/17/08

Luis A. Sanchez, M.D.
Chief Medical Examiner



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HOUSTON, TX 77054-2098

☒ Primary COD
☐ RELEASE FROM PENDING

CASE NUMBER: 1M83-6849

☐ AMENDMENT(S)

DECEDENT: Unknown male

☐ INQUEST ONLY

DOD: _____

EDR #: _____

Part 1 Cause of Death: Undetermined (skeletal remains)

Part 2 Other Conditions: _____

Please Circle your Selection

Autopsy or Inquest

Autopsy Findings Available Prior to Completion of Cause of Death

Yes or No

Did Tobacco Use Contribute to Death

Yes No Probably Unknown

Certified in TER

initials

date

IF FEMALE:

- ☐ Not pregnant within past year
☐ Pregnant at time of death
☐ Not pregnant, but pregnant within 42 days of death
☐ Not pregnant, but pregnant 43 days to 1 year before death
☐ Unknown if pregnant within the past year

Manner of Death: Undetermined

Describe How Injury Occurred: _____

[Signature]
Medical Examiner

12/05/08
Date

Sex Assessment of Skeletal Remains

(Buikstra and Ubelaker 1994, Ubelaker 1989, Bass 1987)

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	FEMALE			MALE	
	-2	-1	0	+1	+2
CRANIAL					
Supra-Orbital Margin					
Supra-Orbital Ridge					
Mastoid Process					
Zygomatic Arch Extension					
Nuchal Crest					
Mental Eminence					
Mandibular Ramus					
Temporalis Attachment					
POSTCRANIAL					
Sciatic Notch					
(Phenice 1969) Ventral Arc					
Subpubic Concavity					
Ischiopubic Concavity					
Pubic Length					
Sacral Attachment					
Sacrum					
(Stewart 1979) Femoral Head Diameter	<42.5 mm	43-46mm	>47.5mm	<u>48</u>	
Humeral Head Diameter	<43mm	44-46mm	>47mm		

skeletal elements are robust

Initials APL
Date 11/17/05

Stature Estimation of Skeletal Remains
 Measured in cm from Whites and Blacks ages 18-30 (Trotter 1970)
 ** Include medial malleolus on tibial measurements

Case # ML83-6849

ESTIMATION OF STATURE: 65-71

WHITE MALES		AFRICAN AMERICAN MALES	
3.08 Hum + 70.45	+/- 4.05	3.26 Hum + 62.10	+/- 4.43
3.78 Rad + 79.01	+/- 4.32	3.42 Rad + 81.56	+/- 4.30
3.70 Ulna + 74.05	+/- 4.32	3.26 Ulna + 79.29	+/- 4.43
2.38 Fem + 61.41	+/- 3.27	2.11 Fem + 70.35	+/- 3.94
**2.52 Tib + 78.62	+/- 3.37	**2.19 Tib + 86.02	+/- 3.78
2.68 Fib + 71.78	+/- 3.29	2.19 Fib + 85.65	+/- 4.08
1.30 (Fem + Tib) + 63.29	+/- 2.99	1.15 (Fem + Tib) + 71.04	+/- 3.53
WHITE FEMALES		AFRICAN AMERICAN FEMALES	
3.36 Hum + 57.97	+/- 4.45	3.08 Hum + 64.67	+/- 4.25
4.74 Rad + 54.93	+/- 4.24	2.75 Rad + 94.51	+/- 5.05
4.27 Ulna + 57.76	+/- 4.30	3.31 Ulna + 75.38	+/- 4.83
2.47 Fem + 54.10	+/- 3.72	2.28 Fem + 59.76	+/- 3.41
**2.90 Tib + 61.53	+/- 3.66	**2.45 Tib + 72.65	+/- 3.70
2.93 Fib + 59.61	+/- 3.57	2.49 Fib + 70.90	+/- 3.80
1.39 (Fem + Tib) + 53.20	+/- 3.55	1.26 (Fem + Tib) + 59.72	+/- 3.28
ASIAN/NATIVE AMERICAN MALES		MEXICAN MALES	
2.68 Hum + 83.19	+/- 4.25	2.92 Hum + 73.94	+/- 4.24
3.54 Rad + 82.00	+/- 4.60	3.55 Rad + 80.71	+/- 4.04
3.48 Ulna + 77.45	+/- 4.66	3.56 Ulna + 74.56	+/- 4.05
2.15 Fem + 72.57	+/- 3.80	2.44 Fem + 58.67	+/- 2.99
**2.39 Tib + 81.45	+/- 3.27	**2.36 Tib + 80.62	+/- 3.73
2.40 Fib + 80.56	+/- 3.24	2.50 Fib + 75.44	+/- 3.52

*Remains
 too incomplete to estimate 94*

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Initials JK
 Date 11/17/88

Sex Assessment of Skeletal Remains
(Buikstra and Ubelaker 1994, Ubelaker 1989, Bass 1987)

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Subpubic Concavity				
Ischiopubic Concavity				
Pubic Length				
Sacral Attachment				
Sacrum				

☐ Absence

☒ Convex

☐ Absence

☐ Short

☒ Flat

☒ Curved

(Stewart 1979) Femoral Head Diameter

<42.5 mm

43-46mm

>47.5mm

<43mm

44-46mm

>47mm

Initials ALC
Date 11/1/05

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 Date 11/17/88

CRANIAL MEASUREMENTS (Pages 52-60)

	Left	Right
1. MAXIMUM LENGTH (g-op):	_____	_____
2. MAXIMUM BREADTH (eu-eu):	_____	_____
3. BIZYGOMATIC BREADTH (zy-zy):	_____	_____
4. BASION-BREGMA (ba-b):	_____	_____
5. CRANIAL BASE LENGTH (ba-n):	_____	_____
6. BASION-PROSTHION L. (ba-pr):	_____	_____
7. MAX.-ALVEOLAR BR. (ecm-ecm):	_____	_____
8. MAX.-ALVEOLAR L. (pr-alv):	_____	_____
9. BIAURICULAR BREADTH (ALB):	_____	_____
10. UPPER FACIAL HGT. (n-pr):	_____	_____
11. MIN. FRONTAL BR. (ft-ft):	_____	_____
12. UPPER FACIAL BR. (fmt-fmt):	_____	_____
13. NASAL HEIGHT (n-ns):	_____	_____
14. NASAL BREADTH (al-al):	_____	_____
15. ORBITAL BREADTH (d-ec):	_____	_____
16. ORBITAL HEIGHT (OBH):	_____	_____
17. BIORBITAL BR. (ec-ec):	_____	_____
18. INTERORBITAL BR. (d-d):	_____	_____
19. FRONTAL CHORD (n-b):	_____	_____
20. PARIETAL CHORD (b-1):	_____	_____
21. OCCIPITAL CHORD (l-o):	_____	_____
22. FORAMEN MAGNUM L. (ba-o):	_____	_____
23. FORAMEN MAGNUM BR (FOB):	_____	_____
24. MASTOID LENGTH (MDH):	_____	_____

MANDIBULAR MEASUREMENTS (Pages 61-63)

	Left	Right
25. CHIN HEIGHT (gn-id):	_____	_____
26. BODY HEIGHT at MENTAL FOR:	_____	_____
27. BODY THICKNESS at M. FOR:	_____	_____
28. BIGONIAL DIAMETER (go-go):	_____	_____
29. BICONDYLAR BR. (cdl-cdl):	_____	_____
30. MIN. RAMUS BREADTH:	_____	_____
31. MAX. RAMUS BREADTH:	_____	_____
32. MAX. RAMUS HEIGHT:*	_____	_____
33. MAND. LENGTH:*	_____	_____
34. MAND. ANGLE:*	_____	_____

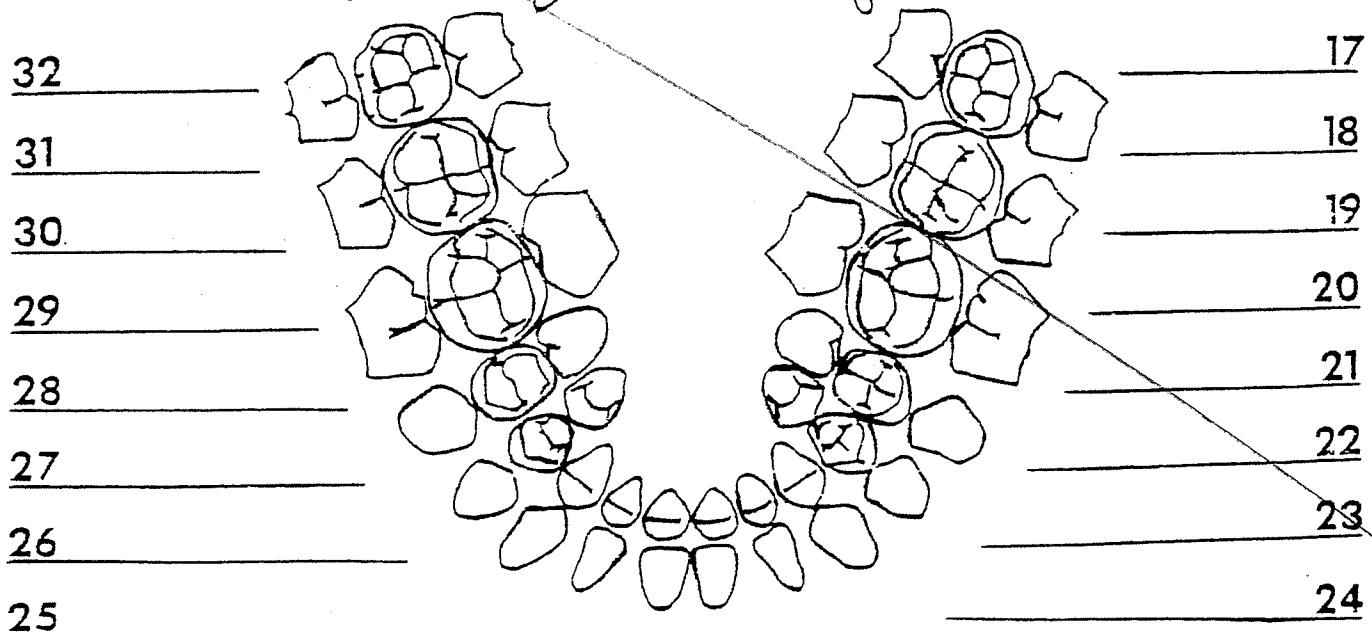
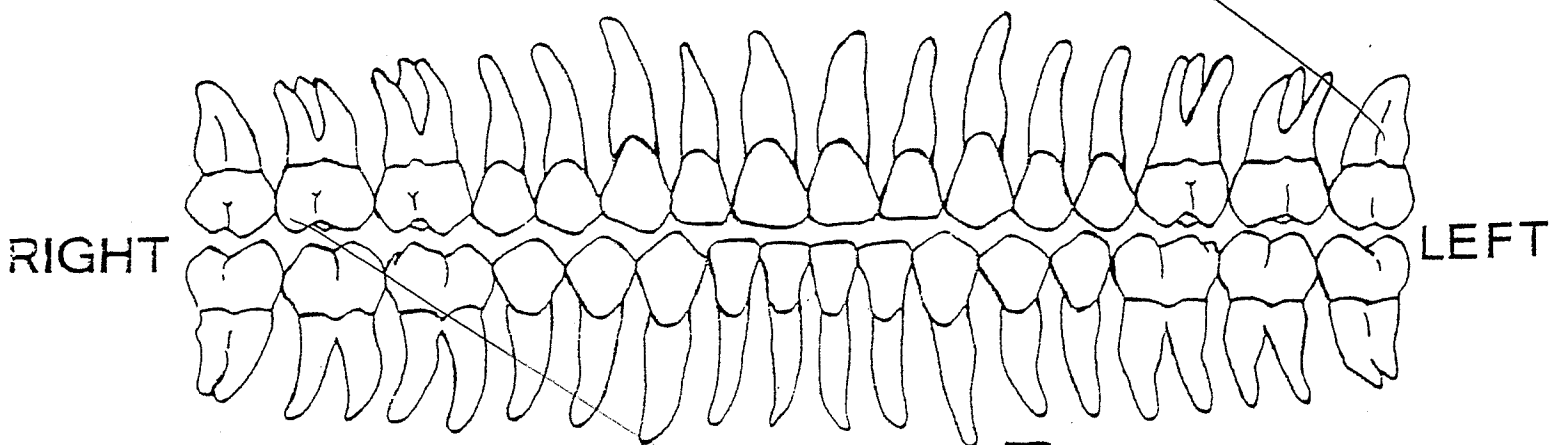
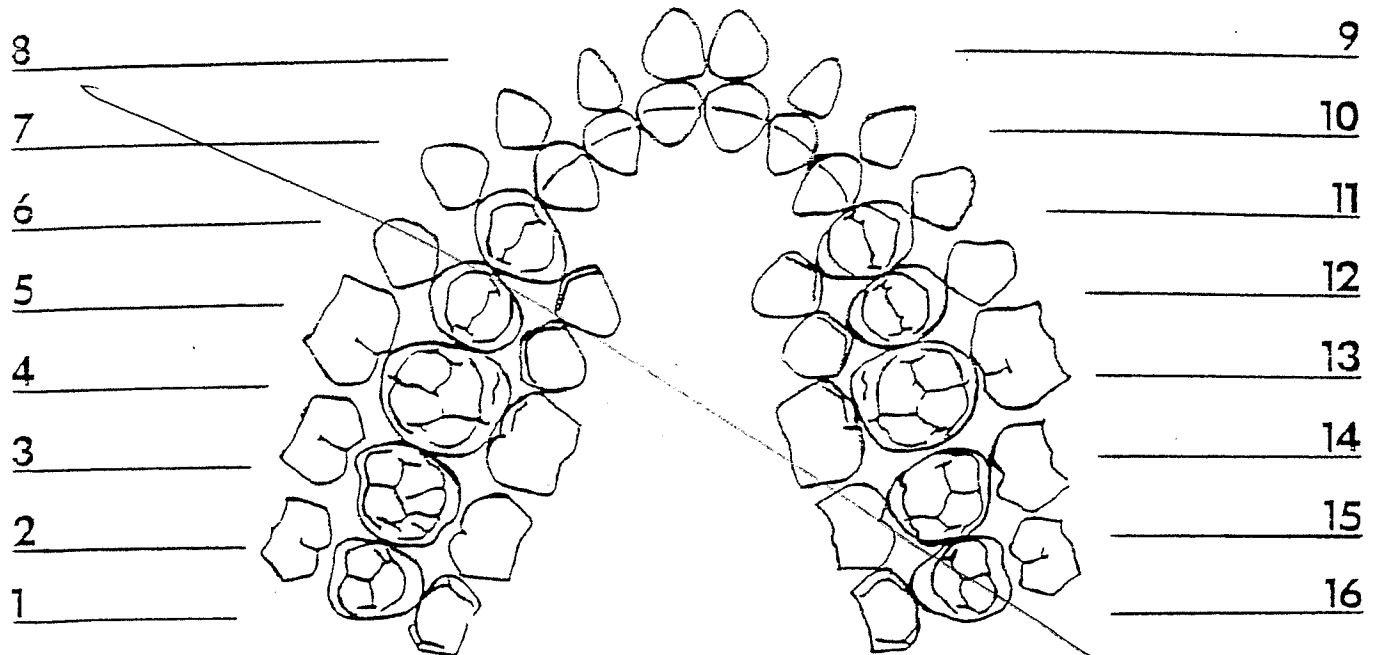
* Record only if mandibulometer is used.

POSTCRANIAL MEASUREMENTS (Pages 64-76)

	Left	Right		Left	Right
CLAVICLE: Epiph. P/A:	_____	_____	INNOMINATE: Epiph. P/A:	_____	_____
35. MAXIMUM LENGTH:	_____	_____	56. HEIGHT:	_____	_____
36. SAGITTAL DIAM. at MIDSH:	_____	_____	57. ILIAC BREADTH:	_____	_____
37. VERTICAL DIAM. at MIDSH:	_____	_____	58. PUBIS LENGTH:	_____	_____
SCAPULA: Epiph. P/A:	_____	_____	59. ISCHIUM LENGTH:	_____	_____
38. HEIGHT:	_____	_____	FEMUR: Epiph. P/A:	_____	_____
39. BREADTH:	_____	_____	60. MAXIMUM LENGTH:	_____	_____
HUMERUS: Epiph. P/A:	_____	_____	61. BICONDYLAR LENGTH:	_____	_____
40. MAXIMUM LENGTH:	_____	_____	62. EPICONDYLAR BREADTH:	_____	_____
41. EPICONDYLAR BREADTH:	_____	_____	63. MAX. DIAM. of HEAD:	_____	_____
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			78. MIDDLE BREADTH:	_____	_____

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No dentition recovered



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 1 L. Frag

10 Frag unsided

Anterior View of the Skeleton

Case # 83-6849

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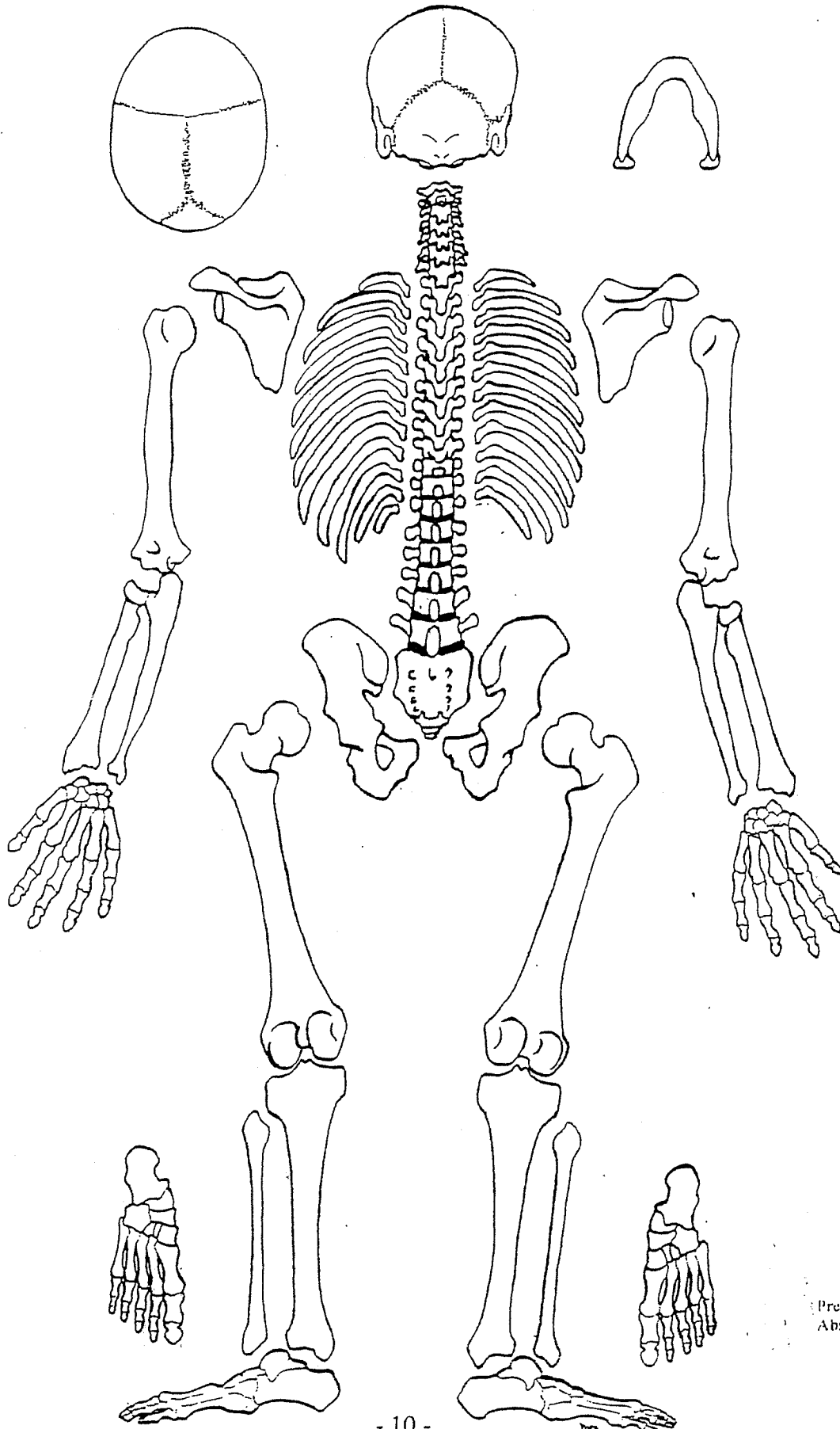
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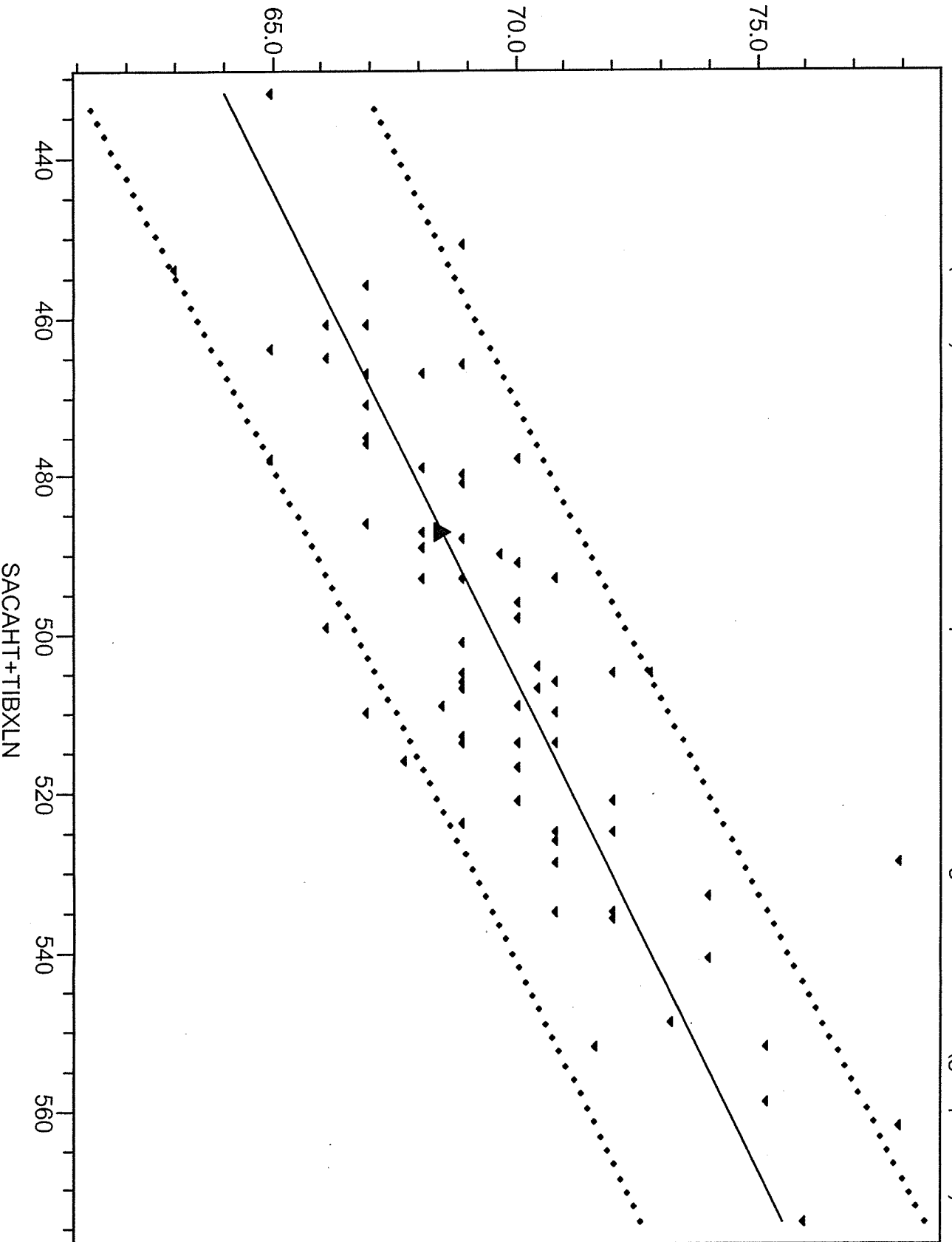
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Posterior View of the Skeleton

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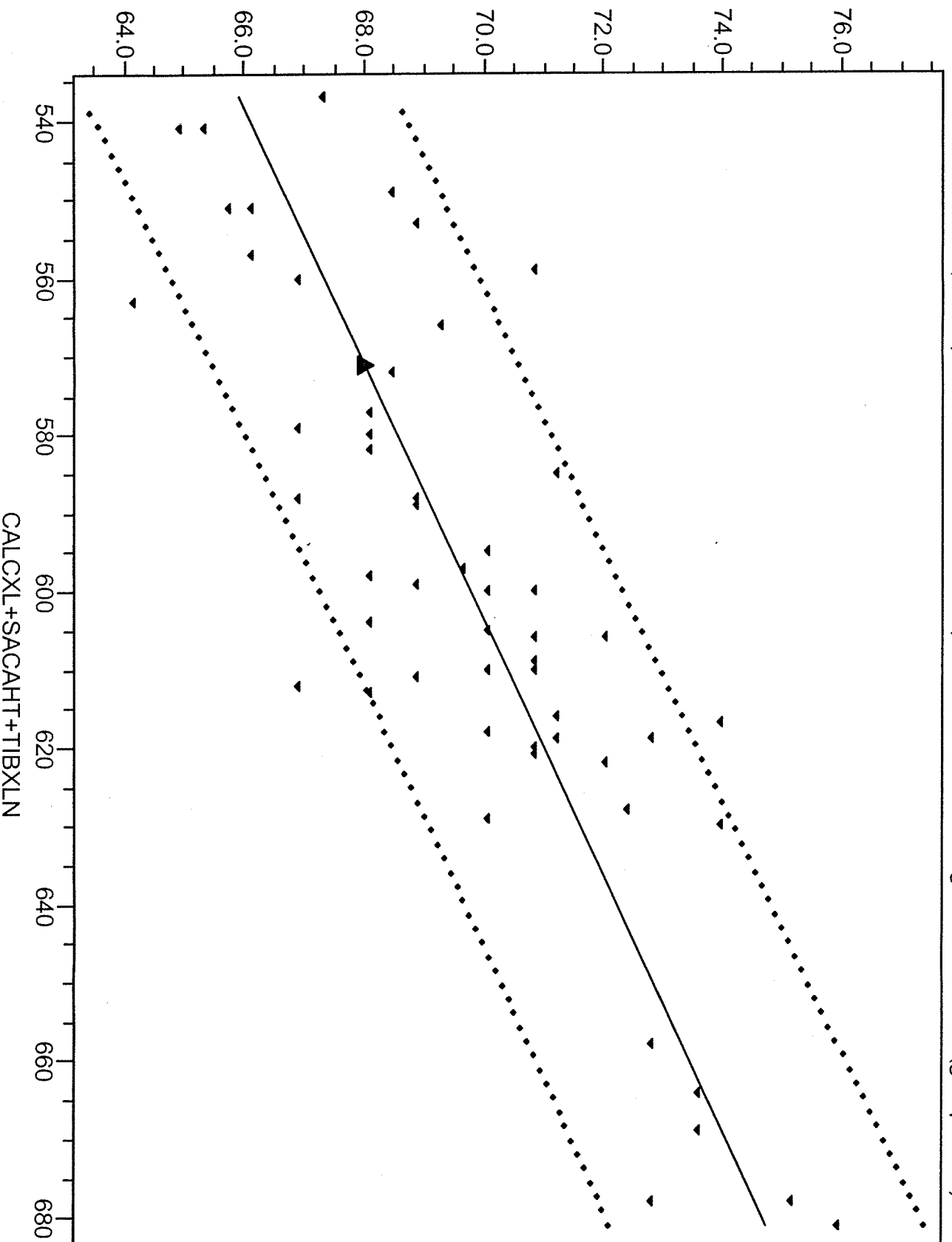


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ML83-6849

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Predicted Stature (inches) for ML83-6849 with 90% prediction interval using 20th C FStats (group = BM)



11/17/2008 FORDISC 3.0 ML83-6849: Estimated Stature = 0.061 (CALCXL+SACAHT+TIBXLN(571 mm)) + 33.03" = 68.0" +/- 2.6 (90% range from 65.5 to 70.6 inches)

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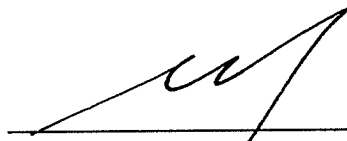
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Houston, Texas

CAUSE OF DEATH: Homicidal violence

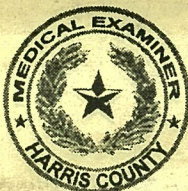
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DATE OF DEATH: Found August 4, 1983

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☐ RELEASE FROM PENDING
☒ AMENDMENT(S) *Jefferson County Case*
☐ INQUEST ONLY
CASE NUMBER: MC83-6849
DECEDENT: Joseph Allen Lykes
DOD: Unknown
EDR #: _____

Part 1 Cause of Death: Homicidal violence

Part 2 Other Conditions: _____

Please Circle your Selection

Autopsy or Inquest

Autopsy Findings Available Prior to Completion of Cause of Death

Yes or No

Did Tobacco Use Contribute to Death

Yes No Probably Unknown

Certified in TER

initials

date

IF FEMALE:

- ☐ Not pregnant within past year
☐ Pregnant at time of death
☐ Not pregnant, but pregnant within 42 days of death
☐ Not pregnant, but pregnant 43 days to 1 year before death
☐ Unknown if pregnant within the past year

Manner of Death: Homicide

Describe How Injury Occurred: _____

Medical Examiner

Date



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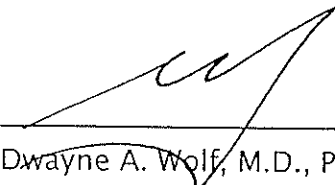
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Joseph Allen Lyles


ML83-6849

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COMMENT: These skeletal remains were initially unidentified. The body has now been identified by DNA comparison as a 17 year old white male, Joseph Allen Lyles. After obtaining this identification, the investigative aspects of the case were revisited. The remains were recovered from a shallow burial site on a beach within Jefferson County. The remains of five other decedents were west of this decedent, and the remains of a sixth were less than 2.9 miles east of this decedent. All were within a 4.16 mile stretch of beach.

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ML83-6849

AMENDED
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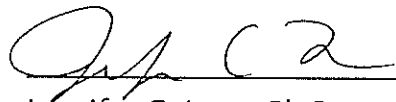
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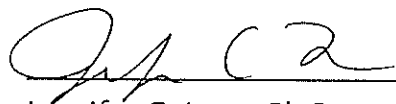
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Missing Persons DNA Database Report 2

November 2, 2009

Accession Number 1: 07-5938

Accession Number 2: 09-0209

Submitting Agency:

Dr. Jennifer Love
Harris County Medical Examiner
1885 Old Spanish Trail
Houston, TX 77054-2001

Agency Case Numbers: ML73-3349, ML73-3356, ML73-3378, ML83-6849
NCIC Numbers: U700019506, U280004297, U810003703, U220022155

ITEMS RECEIVED

Received via Fed Ex (#860472844877) on November 7, 2007:

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Received via Fed Ex (#865896384465) on February 27, 2009:

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TESTING PERFORMED

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The mitochondrial DNA data obtained for samples **07-5938.1** and **09-0209.1** are consistent with the unidentified human remains belonging to a maternal relative of **Helen C. Michalk**.

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A portion of the submitted remains and the remainder of the reference items will be maintained by the UNT Center for Human Identification laboratory.

In the event that you have any questions or if we can be of further assistance, please feel free to contact the laboratory at 817-735-2143.

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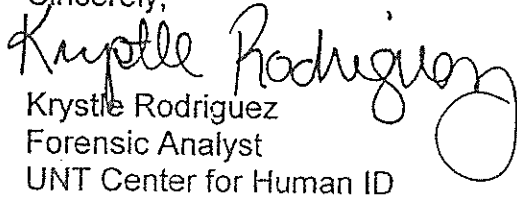
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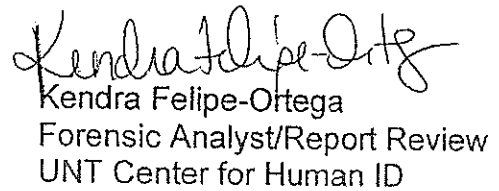
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¹ Allele frequency data obtained from Budowle et.al, J Forensic Sci 1999; 44(6):1277-1286 and Budowle et.al, Forensic Sci Comm 2001; (3).

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Sincerely,


Krystle Rodriguez
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From: Derrick, Sharon (MEO)
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2009 1:33 PM
To: Sommerfeld, Katrina (MEO)
Cc: Love, Jennifer (MEO)
Subject: Letter to Judge Chesson for ML83-6849 amended DC
Attachments: Chesson Letter.doc

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Childers, Velisia (MEO)

From: Derrick, Sharon (MEO)
Sent: Thursday, November 19, 2009 1:36 PM
To: Childers, Velisia (MEO)
Subject: RE: Letter to Judge Chesson for ML83-6849 amended DC

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Sure. (409) 835-8411 is the phone; (409) 839-2343 is supposed to be the fax. Also, Judge Chesson's Office is transferring the case to Pct. 8, Judge Tom Gillam. If you haven't sent the info to the JP, it should go to Gillam's office. If you already have, Chesson's office will forward it on.

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Would you please fax a copy of the amended report for ML83-6849 to Ms. Charlotte Law, Court Administrator for Justice of the Peace Ray Chesson, Pct. 4, Jefferson County. The fax number is 409-794-1637, and the phone number is 409-794-1712. A hard copy of the report will still need to be mailed.
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Dear Judge Chesson,

Please find enclosed the **amended** autopsy report for case ML83-6849. The original autopsy report was sent to your office by postal mail on August 27, 2009. In the interim, ML83-6849 has been identified and the Cause and Manner of Death have been amended in the autopsy report. We respectfully request that you review the amended autopsy report and certify an amended death certificate.

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